

MILLERSBURG ITEMS.

—Mrs. H. D. Jones is better.

—Mrs. C. R. Jones is not so well.

—Mr. F. A. Jones continues about the same.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prather are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pogue, at Danville.

—Mrs. W. G. McClintock was at the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Lou F. Conway, Saturday.

—Mrs. Houston H. Crouch, of Little Rock, was summoned Saturday to the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. Lou F. Conway, who is critically ill.

—Mrs. Turner Perry who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClintock, since the holidays returned to her home at Owingsville Saturday.

—The heaviest snow in many years fell here Wednesday night and Thursday, measuring in many places twelve and fourteen inches. It did not come in the nature of a blizzard and was accompanied with little or no wind. There were no drifts and no serious damage has been reported.

—The hardware store of Miller & Best and the East Tennessee Telephone exchange with their contents were destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The fire originated from the falling of coal from the grate in the telephone office. Miss Linville, the night operator with her brother occupy rooms in the same building. Miss Linville answered a test call about 11:30. A little after twelve she was aroused from sleep by the stifling odor of smoke. When she went into the exchange the room was filled with fire and smoke. She and her brother narrowly escaped in their night clothes. Before leaving the office, however, she gave an alarm to the local manager, Mr. Collins. Every effort was put forth to notify the public. The Bourbon Home Telephone gave the alarm to its town patrons and notwithstanding the zero weather the citizens consulting local fire company responded at once. The Paris Fire Department was notified at once and came down with their engine on a special train, arriving at 2 a. m. The local company with our little engine did good work, and the Paris engine was not unloaded. The fire presented a brilliant sight,

and it looked at one time as though the entire business block might have to go, but owing to the snow on the roof and the steel setting of the Miller & Best room the flames were confined to one room, namely the I. O. O. F. building and the office of Dr. Smith were in great danger several times. When the water began to play on the building the fire was practically under control, and that portion of the building at the rear of the I. O. O. F. building might have been saved had there been a sufficiency of water. Four cisterns were pumped dry. As the engine had to be moved from one to the other the flames revived before pumping would begin again. T. L. Judy and son becoming alarmed moved a part of their stock of groceries to the Christian church across the street. The furniture was moved from the I. O. O. F. Hall, Dr. Smith's office and the bedrooms above occupied by J. H. Hunter and Mac Grimes. The destroyed building is the property of Mr. C. E. Bryan, who is at present in Louisville, with an insurance of \$3,500 on it. The loss of Miller & Best will probably reach \$10,000 with only \$2,000 insurance. The telephone loss is heavy. Miller & Best have reopened for business in the I. O. O. F. room adjoining their own. The telephone company has temporary quarters for long distance business at the grocery of Jones Bros. The work of taking the wreckage from the cellar began Monday. This is the second time through which Mr. Miller, the senior member of the firm, has passed through, as in 1884 this entire block was destroyed. Mr. Miller was then dealing in groceries. He bears up under this loss bravely and will come again. Mr. C. E. Bryan, the owner of the property returned home Saturday night.

Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the town was again aroused by another alarm of fire. Many thought the flames had broken out afresh in the burned building and there was considerable anxiety on the part of all who were awake, it was soon located and found to be in the home of Mr. U. S. G. Pepper. About 1 o'clock Mrs. Pepper awakened to find her bed room full of smoke. She aroused her husband and the alarm was given. One fire was soon located under the hearth, which with a part of the flooring, was taken up and the fire extinguished without serious damage. Had not Mrs. Pepper awakened at that time, this,

like the other building, would have soon been in flames.

—Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Carlisle, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Johnson.

—Mrs. John Thorn and children have returned after several weeks' visit to relatives in South Carolina.

—Misses Bessie Hardie and Olive Fisher returned Thursday after spending ten days at Rochester, N. Y.

—The many friends of Mrs. G. L. Kerr will regret to learn that she has been quite ill with pneumonia at the home of her parents in Georgia, and will not be able to join her husband for several weeks.

—The third number of the Lyceum Course, Friday evening, Jan. 21, Fred E. Baker in his popular lecture, "The Lucky Number." Mr. Baker is endowed by nature with a good physique, a resonant voice and a ready tongue. He is fitted by temperament with a keen appreciation of the praiseworthy, the beautiful and the humorous in life, an eager student of men and books, acquiring readily the gist of things. Mr. Baker naturally finds the lecture platform a field of usefulness. Having a hobby, in which he takes great delight, he is able to arouse interest and maintain it in those subjects which he offers to the public.

—Rev. Gerald R. Richards, of Toledo, O., writes: "We closed out course with Mr. Fred E. Baker in his lecture on 'The Lucky Number.' While it was a very stormy evening there were about three hundred present to hear Mr. Baker. It was the sort of an audience difficult to seize and hold, yet Mr. Baker caught them at the onset and held them to the close. By illustration and argument he opened their eyes to the fads and superstitions of the day and at the same time held before them ideals worthy of their best endeavor. It was a timely message, well wrought out and delivered in a happy manner."

The new City Council met in regular session last Wednesday evening. Quite a number of visitors were present, as it was the going out of the old and the coming in of the new body. Mayor Trotter called the meeting to order and after the preliminary work and some unfinished business he and the council stepped down and out, Mr. Trotter giving the gavel to

Mayor-elect, W. P. Waddell. The election of officers and the appointing of committees was then in order. Mr. C. E. Bryan and J. T. Judy, the present incumbent, were nominated for clerk, Judy receiving the larger number of votes was elected. J. H. Burroughs and Ashby Leer were put in nomination for treasurer. Burroughs was elected. Joe Williams was unanimously elected City Marshall. O. H. Collier was victorious over J. W. Johnson for City Assessor. W. P. Carpenter and W. A. Butler and J. J. Reed constitute the finance committee. J. H. Warford, Rufus Butler and U. S. G. Pepper, light committee. The completion of the final arrangements of the street electric lights was discussed at some length. Permission was granted the electric light company to run their wires on the Bourbon Home Telephone Company's poles. Work will begin as soon as the weather permits. At 10:30 the Council adjourned.

THEATRICAL.

"GRAUSTARK."

"Graustark," at dramatization of Geo. Barr McCutcheon's novel by Geo. D. Baker, comes to the Grand next Friday, January 14, direct from conquests of New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

No play has so electrified the theatrical world in a decade, and much interest is shown in the coming presentation. The book has been widely read and many are familiar with the captivating story. It deals with the adventures of a daring American and a "Princess" and unfolds a narrative of "A Love Behind a Throne." The play is in five acts and mounted with a lavish equipment of scenic effects and costumes, and interpreted by a cast of players that are seldom seen away from the Broadway theaters.

Both company and play have been showered with praise by critics in



other cities, and it is said that "Graustark" sets a standard by which all dramatized novels will be judged in the future.

"Mr. McCutcheon has given us a play that surpasses his 'Ereaser's Millions.' What will he do next?" says a critic. There is no doubt of what this author can do, and his readers are anxiously awaiting the date of "Graustark's" engagement in this city. The play is in five acts and an elaborate scenic equipment painted by Cottle & Harvey in their New York studio is carried. Seats on sale Wednesday at Oberdorfer's.

The Power of Humor.

Wiggs—it takes my wife to manage tramps. You should see the wood she's got cut.

Biggs—How does she work it?
Wiggs—Easily enough. She tells them such funny stories they laugh till they split.

Bill to Abolish Board of Control.

Senator R. M. Salmon, of the Christian-Hopkins district, has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the abolishment of the present so-called bi-partisan Board of Control of Charitable Institutions consisting of four members appointed by the Governor, and creating in lieu thereof a board of three members to be elected by the Legislature, and who it is a strong presumption, would all be Democrats.

According to Senator Salmon, the present bi-partisan system is a farce, because if anything happens like the present Nuttall affair, for instance, he says the responsibility rests on both parties, while the Republicans take all the patronage of the State eleemosynary institutions. He says that a board elected under the provisions of this bill, would place the responsibility for the management of the insane asylums and Institute for the Feeble-Minded, on the political party electing the members of the Board, where it properly belongs. Besides the officials would report direct to the Legislature. It is a good bill and should be passed.

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Sale begins January 3, 1910, at 8:30 a. m.

Sale ends Saturday, January 8, 1910 at 6 p. m.

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Nine Dollar Hogs.

The \$9 hog arrived Friday at the Union Stock Yards in Chicago and his coming marked an epoch in high prices for hogs. With the exception of a short period in 1882, when swine sold at \$9.35 per hundredweight, the \$9 hog has not been seen here since the Civil War.

Continued intense cold impeding transportation and an apparent hesitation of producers to market their hogs are the prime causes of the abnormal advance. Hogs also made a new record at the Bourbon Stock Yards, at Louisville, Friday. The top notch was \$3.90 the highest price ever known there.

Not It.

"Have you a map of the stars?"
"We have a portrait of Lillian Russell."

Aeronaut Plans Polar Trip.

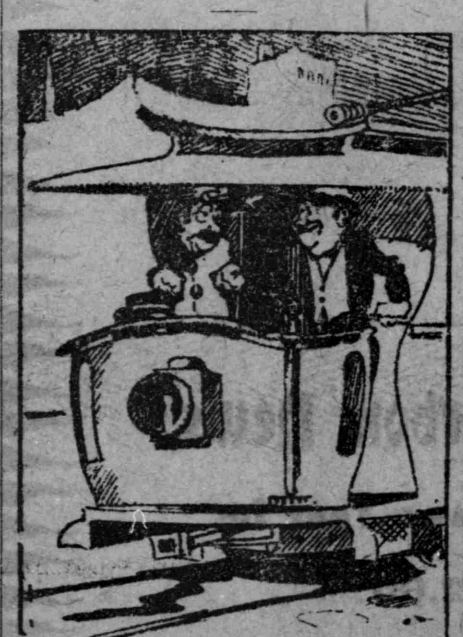
Dr. Frederick J. Fielding, of San Antonio, Texas, offers to build a hydrogen dirigible balloon, capable of carrying several persons, and all the necessary outfit and sail to the North Pole, provided some responsible parties convey his outfit to a point in the far North and furnish him with a scientific to take observations.

Realizing the magnitude of the undertaking, Dr. Fielding, who is holder of several records for balloon flights, has compiled some figures. He estimates that such a balloon with engine and gas generating outfit will cost him about \$15,000 that the bag must be capable of lifting about 3,000 pounds, that a gas tank must be carried to replenish the bag for the return journey and that he needs but three or four months of preparation.

Democrats Getting Together.

Missouri Democrats from every county in Missouri, and numbering over 100, gathered in convention call at Kansas City Saturday in a "harmony conference." Nearly all the leaders of the party in the State were on hand. The spirit of all the speeches was "Missouri must be redeemed."

DIDN'T CHANGE.



Asker—Does this car run through to Main street, or do you have to change cars?

Motorman—Change cars! Say, stranger, they ain't changed cars on this system nigh on ter 20 years.

Women's School Suffrage Bill.

School suffrage for women will be embodied in a bill which will be introduced in the Legislature now in session by Senator Claude M. Thomas, of Paris, and the Hon. Eugene Graves, of Paducah.

The bill is included in the code of the State Educational Commission and will be backed by the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs. The bill reads as follows:

"An act qualifying and enabling women to vote for the election of school trustees and other school officers chosen by the people, except such officers as women may be disqualified from voting for by the Constitution, and upon school measures or questions submitted to a vote of the people, and to hold common school offices, except such officers as women are disqualified from holding by the Constitution."

"Section 1. That all women possessing the legal qualifications required of male voters in any common school election, and who in addition are able to read and write, shall be qualified and entitled to vote at all elections of school trustees and other school officers required to be elected by the people and upon all school measures or questions submitted to a vote of the people, and all women possessing the legal qualifications required as to males shall be eligible to hold any school office or office pertaining to the management of schools, provided, however that this act shall not apply to any election the qualifications of the voters at which are otherwise prescribed by the Constitution, nor to any office as to which the Constitution otherwise prescribes the qualifications of the persons eligible thereto."

"Sec. 2. In all places where a registration of the qualified voters is now or may hereafter be required women who are, by this act, qualified to vote shall be registered at the same time and place and by the same officers and in the same manner as male voters; their registration, however, being made in a separate book to be furnished by the county clerk as is prescribed by law in the case of male voters. And all the provisions of law relating to the registration of women qualified to vote by this act."

"Sec. 3. When the elections referred to in section 1 of this act are held on the same day with the State, county or city election, separate ballots, similar to those required in other elections, except that they contain only the names of candidates for school officers or questions relating to schools, shall be provided for women voters qualified under this act; otherwise the election shall be held according to the provisions of the general election law."

"Sec. 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

Happiness and Luxury.

I believe that the popular idea of happiness is to be able to live in luxury. I have never tried it, but I feel somehow that it would be larksome. There must be more zest in living the closer one gets to the rudiments of life. We hear women complain of dullness, and see them searching through the days and years for something of real interest to fill their hearts and atone for the things of which civilization has robbed them. The gentle village women whom I knew in my childhood had no such anxieties. There was no time for ennui, and I believe there was fineness and quality in their lives that is woefully lacking in the lives of women to-day.—From "The Ideas of a Plain Country Woman."

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